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BELORUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN FARM MACHINE PLANTS CENSURED FOR FAILURES

BLAME GOMSEL'MASH FAILURES ON MINISTRY, OTHER PLANTS -- Moscow, Trud, 6 Oct 53

The Gomel' Gomsel'mash Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni L. M. Kaganovich is the largest agricultural machine building plant in the Belorussian SSR.

The plant produces grain cleaners and graders, feed preparation machines, and harvesting machines, and has had a very good production record. Lately, however, its production record took a turn for the worse. The plant has failed to meet its production plans for pickup hay rickers and tractor-mounted sweep rakes.

The Main Administration of Agricultural Machine Building and the Ministry of Machine Building USSR have not helped the Gomsel'mash Plant prepare for production of hay rickers and sweep rakes, care little about the plant's needs, and are primarily to blame for the plant's failure to fulfill its production plan. Drawings for hay rickers and sweep rakes were not delivered to the plant until the beginning of 1953. Drawings for sweep rakes that arrived from the Lyubertsy Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni Ukhtomskiy had to have about 500 corrections made on them before they could be used.

The Rostov-on-Don Rostsel'mash Agricultural Machine Building Plant and the Osipenko Pervomaiskiy Agricultural Machine Building Plant have been assigned the task of supplying the Gomsel'mash Plant with malleable iron castings. The backlog of undelivered parts is growing every month. Parts are delivered at the end of the month by special delivery shipments. The Gomsel'mash Plant is forced to produce parts from expensive steel, adding to the production costs of machines.

The Lyubertsy Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni Ukhtomskiy fails to deliver winches for pickup hay rickers.

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Teeth for sweep rakes are made of expensive lumber, either beech or larch. The Gomsel'mash Plant has received very little of this lumber and failed to produce about 1,500 sweep rakes for the mowing season. The lumber for sweep rake teeth has to be brought from a great distance and at a great expense. It is time that the plant took steps to produce iron teeth.

Several months ago, Sarkisov, deputy chief, Main Administration of Agricultural Machine Building, visited the Gomsel'mash Plant, acquainted himself with the conditions existing at the plant, and promised to take steps to correct them. So far nothing has been done.

Responsibility for shortcomings at the plant also falls on Bykov, plant director, and Belash, chairman of the plant Party Committee.

Moscow, Trud, 18 Oct 53

In the first 8 months of 1953, the Gomsel'mash Plant failed to produce 500 hay stackers and 1,000 tractor-drawn sweep rakes.

The plant is equipped with modern machines, but half the work is done manually. Men and machines very often are idle. Use of last-minute speed-up methods to fulfill production plans results in low-quality output. During the first 8 months of 1953, the plant lost several million rubles because of idle men and machines, and defective output.

PLANTS CRITICIZED FOR FAILURES -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 2 Oct 53

Designers of the Gomsel'mash Plant have designed new ensilage combines, automatic feed-preparation machines, and mobile milkers.

However, machine building plants of the Belorussian SSR still have many shortcomings which must be corrected.

The Gomsel'mash Plant has been assigned the production of front-axle beams and bushings, and fan drive pulleys for tractors. Not a single part has been produced in 1953.

The Lida Agricultural Machine Building Plant is producing low-quality plowshares and moldboards.

Plant directors, chief engineers, and Party leaders must insure that production plans for spare parts are fulfilled.

URGE INCREASED OUTPUT OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINES -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 11 Oct 53

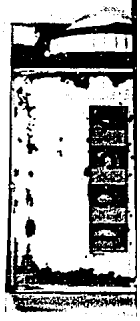
Machine building plants of the Ukraine must make great contributions to the task of improving and producing farm machines as called for by the Party's decrees on agriculture.

The Khar'kov Serp i Molot Plant must greatly increase the production of pickup hay rickers. The Osipenko Pervomaiskiy Agricultural Machine Building Plant must increase the production of hay stackers. The L'vov L'vovsel'mash Agricultural Machine Building Plant has the task of increasing the production of feed-processing machines, and of organizing the production of mobile and stationary milkers. The Odessa Plant imeni Oktyabr'skaya Revolutsiya has been assigned the important job of producing machines for draining swamplands, and

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making equipment and devices for application of fertilizers. Sugar-beet growers expect the Dnepropetrovsk Plant imeni K. Ye. Vorohilov to supply them with improved models of sugar-beet harvesting combines. During the coming years, Khar'kov tractor builders must produce a much greater number of row-crop tractors than they are now producing.

Local industry enterprises must take part in equipping agriculture with machines. The Osipenko Road Machine Plant has begun preparations for the production of fertilizer-spreading machines. The Kolomyya Plant imeni Khrushchev will produce universal feed-processing machines.

During the next 3 years, designers and members of scientific research institutes will have to develop 60 new designs of agricultural machines. Many designers and scientists are not showing enough initiative. Designers of the Kirovograd Krasnaya Zvezda Agricultural Machine Building Plant have been very slow in developing a new vegetable planter.

In preparation for high production plans in 1954, some machine building plants in the Ukraine have pledged to increase their production rate before the end of 1953. There are still many plants which are behind in their production schedules. The Khar'kov Serp i Molot Plant is short a great number of pickup hay rickers. The Kirovograd Krasnaya Zvezda Plant is short hundreds of planters and a great quantity of spare parts. The Dnepropetrovsk Plant imeni K. Ye. Voroshilov failed to produce a considerable number of sugar beet combines.

Many improvements, such as the building of additional shops, must be made at plants. Much is expected from Lelyuchenko, director, Yuzhtyazhstroy Trust [Union Trust for Construction of Heavy Machine Building Enterprises in the Southern Regions?], which is working on machine assembly building No 3 of the Khar'kov Tractor Plant, and the building organization headed by Batistov, which is doing the work at the Krasnaya Zvezda Plant.

Production agricultural machines is heavily dependent on regular deliveries of metal, lumber, and other materials. However, metallurgical plants chronically fail to deliver metal on time; expecially the Makeyevka Metallurgical Plant imeni Kirov and the Zaporozh'ye Metallurgical Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze.

Metallurgical plants of the Ukraine must set up special controls to insure prompt deliveries of metal to agricultural machine building enterprises.

FARM MACHINERY PLANT INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 10 Oct 53

The Osipenko Pervomaiskiy Agricultural Machine Building Plant's press and forging shop has organized a production line for making teeth for tractor-drawn rakes. The new method of making rake teeth has freed 50 workers for other jobs and is 12 times as productive as the old method.

During the first 9 months of 1953, the plant produced 3,567 more agricultural machines than it did during the same period of 1952.

Production cost of the tractor-drawn rake has been reduced by 245 rubles.

In 1953 the plant began production of mobile crane-type hay stackers. The plant exceeded the production plans for mobile crane-type hay stackers during the first 9 months of 1953.

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CRITICIZE PLANTS AND MINISTRIES FOR FAILURES -- Moscow, Pravda, 19 Oct 53

There are still a number of machine building enterprises in the USSR which are not fulfilling their production plans for agricultural machines.

In 1953, the Rostov-on-Don Krasnyy Aksay Plant failed to make a large number of cultivators, the Khar'kov Serp i Molot Plant did not fulfill the order for pickup hay stackers, and the Taganrog Combine Plant imeni Stalin and the Krasnoyarsk Self-Propelled Combine Plant failed to produce grain combines.

Metallurgical enterprises such as the Magnitogorsk Combine and the Makeyevka, Novosibirsk, and other plants failed to fill orders for agricultural machine building plants.

The Ministry of Machine Building USSR and the Ministry of Transport and Heavy Machine Building USSR have not yet taken the necessary steps for increasing the output of spare parts for tractors and agricultural machines.

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